

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pending claims are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A shopping cart grip sanitary cover system, comprising:

a shopping cart including a basket portion having a bottom and a plurality of sides coupled thereto and extending upwardly therefrom for defining an interior space for storing articles therein, a plurality of wheels coupled to the bottom of the shopping cart for transporting the shopping cart, and a handle assembly including a pair of substantially vertical posts with inboard ends coupled to the sides of the shopping cart and extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom, a substantially horizontal handle coupled to outboard ends of the posts, wherein the handle includes a grip for being handled by a user to maneuver the shopping cart;

a plurality of sanitary covers each including multiple flexible elastomeric layers of a similar size and shape and each having a rectangular configuration with a smooth top face, a smooth bottom face, and a rectangular periphery formed therebetween, the bottom face of each layer having adhesive formed thereon for adhering to a top face of an adjacent layer, the layers being stacked with a bottommost layer having a non-adhesive covering on the bottom face thereof for protecting the adhesive of the bottommost layer; and

a dispensing container with a substantially rectangular configuration including a bottom face, a top face, and a plurality of side faces formed therebetween for defining an interior space for storing the sanitary covers, the top face of the dispensing container including an opening for dispensing the sanitary covers therefrom;

whereby the sanitary covers are each dispensable from the dispensing container and the non-adhesive covering is removable for attachment of the adhesive of the bottommost layer to the grip of the shopping cart, a topmost

layer of each sanitary cover being removable utilizing a non-adhesive member coupled to an edge thereof for exposing another layer therebeneath for providing a sanitary surface for being gripped by the user;

wherein a plurality of the layers each has a thickness of less than 1/16th of an inch;

where multiple users are capable of using the sanitary cover which remains attached to the grip of the cart.

2. (Currently Amended) A cart grip sanitary cover, comprising:

a sanitary cover including multiple layers of a substantially similar size and shape each with a top face, a bottom face, and a periphery formed therebetween, the bottom face of each layer having adhesive formed thereon for adhering to a top face of an adjacent layer, the layers being stacked with a bottommost layer being attachable to a grip of a cart via the adhesive;

wherein a topmost layer of the sanitary cover is removable for exposing another layer therebeneath for providing a sanitary surface for being gripped by a user, where multiple users are capable of using the sanitary cover which remains attached to the grip of the cart;

wherein a non-adhesive covering is removed from the bottom face of the bottommost layer of the sanitary cover, the non-adhesive covering being removable for attachment of the adhesive of the bottommost layer of the sanitary cover to the grip of the cart;

wherein the multiple layers include non-adhesive members coupled thereto for being gripped by a user to facilitate the removal of the topmost layer of the sanitary cover;

wherein a plurality of the layers each has a thickness of less than 1/16th of an inch.

3. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, wherein the layers are each flexible.

4. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, wherein the layers are each formed of an elastomeric material.
5. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, wherein the layers each have a rectangular configuration.
6. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, wherein the layers each have an area substantially similar to an area of the grip of the cart.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, wherein the layers are stacked so that the peripheries thereof are in alignment.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Amended) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 2, and further comprising a dispensing container for storing a plurality of the sanitary covers.
11. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover, as recited in claim 10, wherein the dispensing container includes an opening for dispensing the sanitary covers therefrom.
12. (Original) The cart grip sanitary cover as recited in claim 10, wherein the cart includes a shopping cart.
13. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a sanitary surface on a grip of a cart, comprising:

attaching a sanitary cover to a grip of a cart, the sanitary cover including multiple layers of a substantially similar size and shape each with a top face, a bottom face, and a periphery formed therebetween, the bottom face of each layer having adhesive formed thereon for adhering to a top face of an adjacent layer, the layers being stacked with a bottommost layer being attachable to the grip of the cart via the adhesive; and

removing a topmost layer of the sanitary cover for exposing another layer therebeneath for providing a sanitary surface for being gripped by a user, where multiple users are capable of using the sanitary cover which remains attached to the grip of the cart;

wherein a non-adhesive covering is removed from the bottom face of the bottommost layer of the sanitary cover, the non-adhesive covering being removable for attachment of the adhesive of the bottommost layer of the sanitary cover to the grip of the cart;

wherein the multiple layers include non-adhesive members coupled thereto for being gripped by a user to facilitate the removal of the topmost layer of the sanitary cover;

wherein a plurality of the layers each has a thickness of less than 1/16th of an inch.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the layers are each flexible.
- 15 (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the layers are each formed of an elastomeric material.
16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the layers each have a rectangular configuration.
17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the layers each have an area substantially similar to an area of the grip of the cart.

18. (Cancelled)
19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the layers are stacked so that the peripheries thereof are in alignment.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Previously Amended) The method as recited in claim 13, and further comprising removing the sanitary cover from a dispensing container.
22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the dispensing container includes an opening for dispensing the sanitary covers therefrom.
23. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the cart includes a shopping cart.
- 24.-25. (Cancelled)
26. (Currently Amended) The cart grip sanitary cover as recited in claim 2, ~~wherein~~ wherein the bottom face of each layer has the adhesive formed on an entire surface thereof.
- 27.-29. (Cancelled)
30. (New) The cart grip sanitary cover as recited in claim 27, wherein a plurality of the layers each has a thickness of less than $1/32^{\text{nd}}$ of an inch.
31. (New) The cart grip sanitary cover as recited in claim 28, wherein a plurality of the layers each has a thickness of less than $1/64^{\text{th}}$ of an inch.